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Title: Archery Tips for Neophytes

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One.

When practicing at an archery butte, be aware that your arrows are being expended. Arrows can be recovered by standing very close to the target and double-clicking on it. If you "robinhood" arrows into each other they are destroyed, so some arrows will be lost in practice.

Two.

When hunting, keep moving and circling the prey. This is what raises Tactics, a very important thing for combat. High Tactics will increase the damage dealt. Time your shots so that you are momentarily standing still when you shoot: you will hit more often.

[Ed. Note for 2nd edition: You must stand still to fire off shots now, but high tactics is still good. Tactics is not necessarily learned in this movement-but it will keep you alive.]

Three.

Arrows which miss in combat will often fall to the ground and can be recovered.

Look at the  
corpse of your prey to  
find more  
arrows.

Four.

Many large monsters  
are nearly impossible  
to take care of with  
only arrows. It is  
usually better to run  
away from such  
beasts unless you  
have other fighting  
skills. A lightly  
armored, swift  
archer can outrun  
most opponents.

Five.

Hunt with friends.

Many people are  
happy to have  
company in the  
wild. Only travel with  
nice blue-named  
people. Let them  
initiate combat, and  
then join in. Stay  
away from roads and  
keep to woods. Wear  
green and stay under  
trees to avoid evil  
red-named people.  
Only reveal yourself  
to good blue folks. And  
stay out of the red  
yourself!  
Good luck!

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Appendix for the  
Fogwood edition, by  
Perianwyr:

Weapons Guide

There are three  
archery weapons  
available to the  
Britannian bowman-

the bow:

Long range, lower  
damage, high fire  
rate. The most  
common choice for  
combat, rivaling the  
heavy crossbow for  
popularity. Its

main advantages  
are its range and  
ease of drawing.

the crossbow:  
Moderate range,  
moderate damage,  
moderate fire  
rate. The light or hand  
crossbow is not a bad  
choice if you are a  
heavy crossbow user  
who desires a faster  
fire rate at times but  
does not wish to carry  
a bow as well as both  
bolts and arrows.

the heavy crossbow:  
The most commonly  
used archery  
weapon. Low range,  
high damage,  
extremely low fire  
rate. I would consider  
other choices before  
selecting this as my  
primary weapon- it is  
extremely difficult to  
bend, requiring a large  
amount of time to  
ready for firing. As  
a matter of fact many  
merely load it ahead of  
time, fire it once, and  
then discard it in  
favor of faster  
weapons to continue  
combat. It works well  
when partnered with  
a light crossbow for  
the real work of  
battle. However, some  
swear by the high  
damage potential of its  
steel firing arm.  
All in all, it is best to  
try all the bows, and  
see which is best for  
your particular style.